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the last four months there have been more than 1,000 deaths. I was told this by the sheik in charge of the graveyard. He says, however, that there has been a great decrease lately, and that only a few die daily at present.

From other sources I hear that the disease is very bad over the interior. At Zebid large numbers have died, and I hear from an Italian merchant that has just gone to Sanaa, that 5,000 deaths have occurred there, mostly children. This is about all I can tell you on this subject at present. If I hear anything new I will let you know. I, myself, do not think that the disease is on the decrease, but rather the contrary. * * *

I am of the opinion that there should be somebody here to safeguard this firm. Otherwise, a consular agency here is of no use whatever. As you have (at least I understand so) no jurisdiction for Hodeida, and therefore could not help it if any question turned up, I do not think it advisable to abolish the consular agency here.

In case you may ever require any more information from here I will be only too glad to oblige you.

Yours, truly,

G. FOLEY.

W. M. MASTERSON, Esq.,
United States Consul, Aden.

BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Rio.

RIO DE JANEIRO, *February 8, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit report for the week ended February 6, 1897:

There were 8 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, the same as in the foregoing week; 5 from yellow fever, a decrease of 5; 1 from smallpox, none in the foregoing week; 8 from beriberi, an increase of 3; 1 from enteric fever, a decrease of 3; 40 from tuberculosis, an increase of 2, and 282 from all causes, an increase of 17.

There is no marked change in the exceptionally good sanitary condition of the port and town for the season.

Since last report the following-named ships have been visited or received bills of health from this office: February 3, bark *Otago*, Swedish, for Tybee Roads, Georgia. February 4, steamship *Tolosa*, British, for Galveston, Tex. February 5, bark *Quitaria*, Portuguese, for Philadelphia, Pa., and bark *Rosenberg*, Norwegian, for Tybee Roads, Georgia. February 6, bark *Mariposa*, Portuguese, for Savannah, Ga. February 8, bark *Cambria*, British, for Pensacola, Fla.

Respectfully, yours,

R. CLEARY, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

CUBA.

Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.

May 8: The United States sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the week ended May 6 there were in that city 18 deaths from yellow fever, with 70 new cases, and 96 new cases of smallpox, with 12 deaths.

May 4: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended May 1 there were in that city 3 new cases and 1 death from yellow fever, and 18 cases and 2 deaths from smallpox.

April 30: The United States consul at Matanzas reports that during the week ended April 28 there were in that city 5 deaths from smallpox and 1 death from yellow fever.